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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
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  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_.
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  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.**

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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## Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)          |
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### *Drawings*

1. The drawings are objected to as indicated on the form PTO-948 included with this action.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

2. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1- 8 are allowable over prior art of record because none of the references disclose a plasma display panel in which a plurality of cells are constituted by a plurality of row and column electrodes which are directly crossed with one another between two substrates which are combined in parallel, wherein said row electrode has a transparent electrode having a plurality of projecting electrode parts which are alternately projected upward and downward with a predetermined width along a row axis, and an opaque electrode formed at the lower portion of the row axis of said transparent electrode, the above in combination with the row electrode which is concerned in the discharge of two adjacent column-direction cell groups by interaction with two other electrodes adjacent in the column direction, and, the column electrode is positioned on a column axis of said projecting electrode part.

### *Conclusion*

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Examiner Roy Punnoose** whose telephone number is (703) 306-9145.

If there is a problem reaching the examiner, the applicant can reach his **Supervisory Patent Examiner, Frank G. Font**, at (703) 308-4881.

Any inquiry of a **general nature** or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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TITLE OF INVENTION FLAT-THIN DISPLAY PANEL AND A DRIVING METHOD THEREOF

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